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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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Examiner	Art Unit	
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– The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address –

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 February 2004.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-10 and 17-24 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) 11-16 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 04 February 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 02/01/05. 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: ____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-9,10,17-24 are drawn to a database management system, where a database request to retrieve a specific content is received and the request is performed, classified in class 707, subclass 1.
 - II. Claims 11-16 are drawn to a database management system, where a new content is detected and compared against the existing content and based on the comparison the database fields are synchronized and stored, classified in class 707, subclass 201.
2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:
Inventions in Group I and II are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions are Database Management System by using (1) where a database request to retrieve a specific content is received and the request is performed (2) where a new content is detected and compared against the existing content and based on the comparison the database fields are synchronized and stored.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group II is not required for Groups I, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

3. During a telephone conversion with John P. Obanion, Reg. No. 33,201 on 05th July 2006 a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-9,10,17-24. Applicant in replying to this office action must make affirmation of this election. Claims 11-16 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-10 and 17-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Satomi et al., (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0063304 and Satomi hereinafter).

As to claims 1,10,17,18 and 24, Satomi teaches a method comprising: receiving a request corresponding to a specific content (paragraph [0094]); reviewing a record associated with the specific content in response to the request ([0116];[0274];[0278]); selectively transmitting a confirmation for the request based on the reviewing ([0219]; Fig. 33); and performing the request based on receiving the confirmation ([0203];[0219]).

As to claim 2, Satomi teaches wherein the reviewing further comprises using a preference corresponding with the request to determine whether the confirmation is utilized ([0265]).

As to claims 3 and 20, Satomi teaches wherein the preference includes a criteria for checking the record wherein the criteria is based on the request ([0265]; [0271];[0274]).

As to claim 4, Satomi teaches wherein the reviewing further comprises reviewing a second record associated with a second content ([0116];[0274];[0278]).

As to claims 5 and 19, Satomi teaches wherein the specific content includes one of a photograph, music, a document, and a video (Abstract).

As to claims 6 and 23, Satomi teaches wherein the request includes one of saving the specific content, deleting the specific content, modifying the specific content, and printing the specific content ([0090]).

As to claims 7 and 21, Satomi teaches storing the preference in a storage device (Fig.1 and Fig.2).

As to claims 8 and 22, Satomi teaches storing the record in a storage device (Fig.1 and Fig.2).

As to claim 9, Satomi teaches wherein the confirmation asks for authorization for the request ([0099];[0219]).

Points of Contact

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Apu M. Mofiz whose telephone number is (571) 272-4080. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Thursday 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin can be reached at (571) 272-4146. The fax numbers for the group is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.



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